

Joan also strongly believed in community service. She spearheaded the Wayne County Annual Senior Citizens Picnic at Hines Park. She was a steadfast volunteer at the Butzel Family Center, assisting for many years with their annual Thanksgiving turkey distribution.

Joan was truly in her element when she was engaging with people. She was always willing to volunteer her time and always with a smile on her face. Her presence will truly be missed.

Please join me in recognizing the many outstanding contributions of Joan Robinson Cheeks to the communities of Michigan's 13th District Strong as we honor her memory.

HONORING REGISTER OF DEEDS  
JUDY MARTIN FOR EXCEPTIONAL  
SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 2, 2022*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Moore County Register of Deeds Judy Martin for 33 years of service to Moore County. As the longest-serving county officeholder, Registrar Martin has dedicated her career to her position.

Registrar Martin first began working with the Moore County Register of Deeds in 1989. She served as assistant for the Register of Deeds for ten years prior to being appointed Register of Deeds in 2001. She was then elected to the office in 2002 and has held the position ever since. Registrar Martin's leadership helped the office successfully digitize its system of records to accommodate modernization and improve its function. Additionally, she has brought noteworthy state recognition to Moore County. In 2010, the state association of registrars awarded her the Shining Star Award in recognition of her excellent track record and service to her county and state. She was later recognized as Outstanding Register of Deeds by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. In the same year, she served as president of the North Carolina Register of Deeds and was presented the Eunice Ayers Distinguished Service Award for exceptional service in the position.

Registrar Martin will retire from her position at the end of the year. Through her outstanding service and leadership, she has helped strengthen Moore County's capability to adequately serve its citizens. She will long serve as an exemplary figure in public service, and I know I speak for the rest of our community in wishing her well as she begins the next chapter of her career.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Register of Deeds Judy Martin for her career of exemplary servitude to her community.

HONORING DANIEL VASSEL

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 2, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Daniel Vassel.

Daniel Vassel was born and raised in Mound Bayou, Mississippi, a town founded in 1887 by former slaves. Mr. Vassel is 50 years old, and a retired County Administrator of Coahoma County. He was the first African American to hold that position in Coahoma County. He is the Owner of the Vassel Consulting Group, LLC. Mr. Vassel's highly effective programs on leadership development, team building, and motivation have received rave reviews from leaders and aspiring leaders in many states. As a certified and accomplished facilitator, Mr. Vassel has shared proven techniques from his many successful years in economic development and public service. He motivates others to not only learn, but to also practice the leadership skills he teaches.

As the featured speaker at hundreds of conferences, leadership seminars, and company meetings over the last 15 years, his customized presentations have provided participants with "best in class" tools to make them better leaders. He has spoken to groups from five to five hundred people and still renders the superior delivery and passion he has become known for. He is also the Owner of Daniel Vassel Photography, LLC., where specializes in wedding, children, engagement, and event photography.

Mr. Vassel is best known as a man of compassion, dedication, wisdom, and insight. He regularly attends and serves at Compel Church in Horn Lake, MS. Mr. Vassel attended and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in Mound Bayou. After earning his high school diploma, he enrolled at Alcorn State University, where he obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree. Upon graduation from Alcorn State University, he began his professional career with the Mississippi State University Extension Service as a Farm and Family Economic Education Agent, where he conducted educational programs and information on the sources, uses, and interpretation of economic data.

After working for Mississippi State for 10 years, he began working for Delta Council in Stoneville, Mississippi as the Business, and Industry Outreach Coordinator. At Delta Council, he served as a resource and coordinator for development strategies including industrial and business recruitment, business retention programs, Delta informational database, as well as the Delta Project (A partnership between Delta Council and Mississippi State University). He furthered his career later with Tunica County as the Program and Project Coordinator, where he coordinated and assisted with existing and new county projects. Mr. Vassel later served as Special Projects Officer, Assistant County Administrator, and County Administrator of Coahoma County.

He has served on numerous Boards and Committees including the Clarksdale/Coahoma County Industrial Foundation Board of Directors, Chairman; Coahoma County Industrial Foundation Board Marketing Committee, Vice President; Carnegie Public Library Board of Directors; Rho Alpha Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; Tunica County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors & Education Committee; Robinsonville Rotary Club; Clarksdale/Coahoma County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Past Chairperson; Clarksdale/Coahoma County Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, Board Member; Clarksdale Municipal Public School District; Leadership Clarksdale Board of Directors, Member

and Past President; Clarksdale Habitat for Humanity; Youth Leadership Clarksdale Board of Directors; Mississippi State University Extension Service Marketing Task Force; Friends of the Carnegie Library Board of Directors, Team Leader; Coahoma Community College Rural Community College Initiative, Founding Member and Past President; Clarksdale Crime Stoppers Board of Directors, Past President; A Proactive Approach for Children; North Delta Community Development Corporation Board of Directors; Coahoma Community College District Workforce Council; and, Northwest Community College District Workforce Council. Mr. Vassel and Tana Lisa Pittman Vassel are the proud parents of Daniel Vassel, Jr. and Alyssa Grace Vassel.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Daniel Vassel for his dedication to serving his community and this great state.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LIONEL R.  
BORDEAUX

**HON. DUSTY JOHNSON**

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 2, 2022*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Lionel R. Bordeaux, Wakinyan Wanbli, (Thundering Eagle), of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and the President of Sinte Gleska University in Mission, South Dakota. President Bordeaux passed away on November 16, 2022 at the age of 82.

President Bordeaux led an amazing life dedicated to the service of his people. He was a pioneer in expanding upper education access for Native Americans through his advocacy and work at Sinte Gleska University, which became the first tribal university in the nation during his leadership.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the life and memory of President Lionel R. Bordeaux, a constant fighter for Indian Country and a great American. I am honored to include in the RECORD this memorial.

LIONEL R. BORDEAUX, WAKINYAN WANBLI, PRESIDENT OF SINTE GLESKA UNIVERSITY FOR 50 YEARS, DEPARTS FOR SPIRIT WORLD

Lionel R. Bordeaux, Wakinyan Wanbli (Thundering Eagle), an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in South Dakota and the president of Sinte Gleska University, departed for the spirit world on November 16. This is a tremendous loss for his family, Sinte Gleska University, the Sicangu Lakota Oyate, and Indian Country. For all who knew him, he was a grounding force in stormy times; a paragon of goodwill, solidarity, and wisdom; and the heart and soul of the Tribal College Movement to which he was fiercely devoted.

Lionel R. Bordeaux was born in 1940 and raised by his grandfather, Alex Bordeaux Jr., and his grandmother, Mary Jordan Bordeaux. His mother, Ella, had moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to work and eventually own her own business. Lionel attended the Horse Creek Day School, St. Mary's School in Winner, South Dakota, and a public school in White River, South Dakota. He later attended public schools in Lincoln, Nebraska, returning to the Rosebud reservation where he graduated from St. Francis Indian Mission, a Roman Catholic boarding school.